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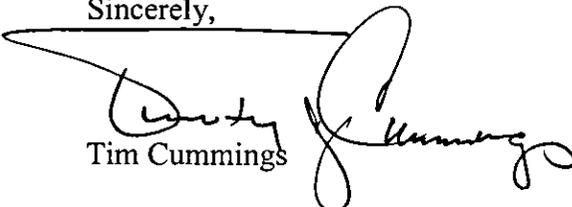


RE: P1-08 -- Petition of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for Exemption from Mandatory Rate Tariff Publication

During September, 2008 I submitted comments in support of the above referenced Petition. The substance of these comments is as valid today as when originally submitted; however, I would like to submit the following:

- Aside from the additional administrative costs associated with AMS and C-TPAT, Customs and Border Protection has instituted the Importer Security Filing system ("ISF"). The regulatory burden on small business continues to increase on an incremental basis. Eliminating tariff filing requirements would provide a regulatory off-set to the regulatory requirements implemented in recent years.
- President Obama has stated that small businesses are the economy's economic engine and his administration will take steps to eliminate unnecessary regulation so small business can lead our economy out of the current recession. Unnecessary regulations, such as the requirement for tariff filings, unduly burden small businesses that are integral to our nation's economic success. The choice is simple. We either spend funds on tariff filings which serve no useful purpose or we use our very limited capital in a productive manner including hiring new employees.

Sincerely,


Tim Cummings